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CRAWFORD, J.—Call and PAY your Board and Lodging. J. GLENNAN, Curriers Arms, Pitt-st.

WANTED, a respectable **PERSON** to **ENGAGE** himself as **Attendant** upon a **Family** or **Invalid** going to **England**. Enquire of **Mrs. SALMON**, **Lower Fort-street**.

WANTED, an experienced **DRESSMAKER**. **MISS STAN**, dressmaker, 365, **Bourke-st.**, **Surry Hills**.

WANTED, a **PLACE** for an **English Shop** about **forty**. **Girl** **nineteen**, and **two Boys** **seven** and **fourteen**, all **clean** and **healthy looking**; also a **PLACE** **wanted**, in the **country**, for a **young Family** to **W. B. HAIGH**, **Registry Office**, **120, King-st.**

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0-14	25	20	15	12	10
15-24	15	18	20	22	20
25-34	10	12	14	16	15
35-44	10	12	14	16	15
45-54	10	12	14	16	15
55-64	10	12	14	16	15
65+	10	12	14	16	15

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any other of them there present; but he did think that the advantage was clearly such as to render the proposed amendment an action at Paramatta a thing in every way undesirable.

After some delay, during which a little good-humoured banter passed on both sides—between those in favour of incorporation and those opposed to it.

Mr. JOHN BROWN moved, as an amendment.

That, as the majority of the inhabitants of Paramatta are still opposed to the incorporation of the town, and that, in consequence of this, it is resolved that this meeting do stand adjourned to the 29th inst.

He did not appear before them that day in his official capacity, and so he trusted he should not alarm any of them. He came before them, not as a member of the Council, but as a Paramatta landholder of some years' standing, and as a person who was not, for the present, inclined to consent to anybody putting their hands into his pockets. He did not think that people should do that with his consent, and he did not think that he should consent to it without it. For himself, he desired it to be understood that he was not individually opposed to municipalities; on the contrary, he was very much in favour of them, and considered that they were properly in the hands of the people, and that they were of great use to the community. What he contended for was that this was not the proper time; they must settle down a bit first. The speaker then proceeded to address the meeting, and to state that he was in favour of this movement, with respect to the Park which had been given over by the Government to the townspeople. He strongly censured the conduct of Mr. J. Byrnes in regard to the part taken by him in the present matter. On the occasion he had referred to as on many others. Mr. Byrnes had treated them as serfs.

The CHAIRMAN suggested to the speaker that the matter was not to be connected with the subject before the meeting.

Some considerable confusion then took place; many of Mr. Brown's friends being desirous that he should proceed, and others supporting the chairman, who was in the middle of the confusion, and who was loudly round the large case which served as a sort of platform, and several of them ordered Mr. Purchase (who threatened to leave the chair) to sit down. The speaker then afterwards continued, Mr. Brown consenting to desist from any further discussion of this topic on that occasion.

Mr. BROWN, in continuation, commented upon the proposed municipal division of the town, whereby the representation of the town would be increased, and more influential than that of the Field of Mars, and able to outvote it; the former, whose number was to be five, would always be able to outvote and defeat the latter, whose number was to be four. He concluded, amidst loud applause, and in the course of the incorporation ought to be postponed for several years.

Mr. STAFF then deputed the amendment. He begged to say that he had with much pleasure, and the more so as he considered that in so doing he was acting in strict accordance with the desires of a large majority of the inhabitants of Paramatta. He ridiculed the municipal scheme, which had been chalked out for them, and was in favour of the Field of Mars. Mr. Miller, when addressing to his remarks as to the expense of the machinery of the incorporation. He thought the sums proposed to be laid out by those who represented the place, to be utterly unworthy of serious consideration. Many houses, he said, were even now empty, and the state of things was such that he could not even ask some of his tenants for a rent—not to speak of taxes. He doubted the impartiality of the present municipal corporation would carry out its work. The effect of a corporation at Sydney: its operation had been unsatisfactory, and it had been the cause of the increase of the size of the suburbs; people escaped all the taxes to the adjacent country. Such also would be the effect here,—many would leave the place, and the people be taxed for empty houses.

Mr. MILLER then desired to speak in explanation of some allusion to what Mr. Staff had said as to the expenses contingent upon the adoption of a corporation; the upshot, however, became tremendous, and the chairman called in for a second time to a hearing. It was alleged that Mr. Staff had been in the habit of his observations said something calculated to throw a slur upon the working man, a statement which Mr. Staff indignantly repudiated. Mr. Miller, still attempting to speak, was assailed with loud cries of "Hush, hush, and yells, and that peculiar confusion which always consequent upon such emphatic manifestations of opinion. Some of the remarks that were flying about were—were to say the least—anything but complimentary.

Mr. GOULD then addressed the meeting in favour of the amendment, opposing the project for bringing about any incorporation for some time to come. He appeared to be dissatisfied with the denial that had been said by Mr. Byrnes at a former meeting, that he (Mr. Gould) had described himself as willing and ready to take office in a corporation should come into existence. He had not said so, and had refrained from rising to give any explanation, but he would have increased the confusion that existed on that occasion. These elections for aldermen would not cost certainly cause great excitement and some ill-feeling, and were for that reason altogether objectionable. He thought the wisest course would be to adjourn the further consideration of this matter, in the parliamentary style, till that day six months; and also that the speaker, on any particular steps they should communicate with the Council of the Field of Mars, so that they might know whether that was to be placed under the corporation or not. Unless the Council could and full control over the affairs of the town be thought of as a part of a corporation an absurdity. That was his opinion.

Mr. JAMES BYRNES, M.L.A., came forward with reluctance, but felt compelled to do so, in consequence of the manner in which his name had been hawked about by Mr. Gould. As to the question before the meeting it was a matter of indifference to him whether they chose to incorporate or not; although, as a matter of personal opinion, he was in favour of such an incorporation. The speaker then proceeded to deliver himself from the attacks of previous speakers, and stated that he saw clearly that Mr. Gould and his friends, who appeared to be so constituted vigilance committee—the Protective Society, and the others, they called themselves—were desirous of making a little political capital out of the present affair. He begged his friends to call at the end of the session he intended to call to meet, and to let them know what he had done, and leave it to them to judge of his conduct. If they were not satisfied they would not re-elect him, but leave him to answer after some further observations, in which the "Protective Society" and the "Hush, hush" society, and one not unconnected with *hush, hush*. Mr. Byrnes—who by this time had got upon the case or more properly criticised the advice of Mr. Gould, as to the propriety of the incorporation, and the Government about the Park, &c., saying that Mr. Gould, although a lawyer, had shewn himself as great an ass as ever he knew.

And you are a great fool. "Look at the Paramatta fool, as he stands upon his box." Here, of course, considerable excitement took place, during which somebody—it could not have been a man—showed a miserable and pitiful spite against Mr. Byrnes, and threw an egg at him. The confusion became extreme, but Mr. Byrnes, who even the opponents of Mr. Byrnes appeared justly indignant and disgusted, Mr. Byrnes then calmly resenting this unexpected insult, addressed the meeting for some minutes, and at the conclusion was warmly applauded, and as an amendment upon the amendment, that Mr. J. Purchase do now vacate the chair.

The meeting thereupon immediately adjourned, and the termination. Before, however, any persons left, Mr. BYRNES informed them that a petition for the incorporation of the town would be carried round for signatures.

MORETON BAY.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BRISBANE, DECEMBER 29.—The holidays have interrupted the usual course of business for a time, as has been the case with all political speculations, so that since my last number, I have not carried out much relating to any indeed. The usual Christmas holidays have passed away without any thing of a disagreeable nature occurring. There was racing at Sandgate, on Monday, New Year's Day, but no sports of this kind on the Northern shore, as has been customary hitherto. Many enjoyed a trip to Sandgate, and it is not difficult to predict that the holiday retreat will soon be a great favourite with our holiday-makers. The weather is very pleasant, and the bridge and the road pretty well defined, and on the whole not difficult. At Ipswich they appear to have had very good racing. In one of the matches, however, the course was in a state of insubstantiality. With respect to the holidays may be supposed to have concluded, as to-day there is a general disposition to return to

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.

Monday Evening.

THE amount of Customs' revenue collected during the month of December, 1858, amounted to £53,124 17s. 1d. During the corresponding month of 1857, the receipts were £48,510 11s. 8d. There is, therefore, an increase of £1614 5s. 5d., or about 9½ per cent. on the revenue of the month. For the year 1857, the Customs' revenue collected was £510,426 0s. 3d. During the past year the receipts have amounted to £545,449 16s. 6d., which is an increase of £35,023 16s. 3d., or nearly 7 per cent. in favour of 1858. The following were the amounts collected monthly during the years 1857 and 1858:—

	1857.		1858.
January	£41,837 19 5	.....	£43,491 5 6
February	43,850 4 5	.....	47,728 2 6
March	49,125 12 6	.....	50,125 12 6
April	39,090 10 1	.....	46,672 4 5
May	47,125 12 6	.....	47,125 12 6
June	41,055 18 1	.....	41,921 10 3
July	45,854 7 1	.....	49,344 16 8
August	47,125 12 6	.....	47,125 12 6
September	39,090 9 10	.....	45,895 10 5
October	47,125 12 6	.....	47,125 12 6
November	38,301 12 6	.....	45,319 17 6
December	45,510 11 8	.....	55,174 17 6

It is satisfactory to find that the Customs' revenue has gone on steadily improving since the year 1855, and that the receipts of the past year, as compared with the year 1855, show an increase of £149,402 17s. 11d., or nearly 37 per cent. We subjoin the amounts received quarterly during the years 1855, 1856, 1857, and 1858:—

1855.		1856.	
\$31,005 2 8	1000 0000	\$25,103 3 7	1000 0000
142,009 10 8	10000000	3,449 6 10	10000000
92,003 14 9	10000000	1179 10 8	10000000
78,016 11 1	10000000	127,925 14 10	10000000
\$406,046 18 7	10000000	\$447,834 15 11	10000000

1857.		1858.	
\$130,085 1 2	1000 0000	\$191,101 5 11	1000 0000
129,233 16 3	10000000	188,777 2 8	10000000
185,008 0 10	10000000	158,490 4 11	10000000
127,214 2 9	10000000	109,741 5 5	10000000
\$510,428 0 8	10000000	\$545,449 16 6	10000000

From this statement it will be seen that the quarterly receipts for the past two years have ranged more evenly during the two previous years. In 1855 the fluctuations in the Customs' revenue were considerable, but since then, an improvement has steadily taken place, and we have now the large increase above alluded to, and there can be but little doubt, considering how dull trade has been during the past year, that if a greater amount of violence is exercised in the Customs department, that we may look for a still larger revenue for the present year. The highest amounts were collected during the months of December 1857, and 1858; and the lowest during November 1857, and October 1858.

The Monthly General Meeting of the members of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce was held this day at half-past three o'clock. Mr. J. H. Goodiet and Mr. G. Wilkie were elected members of the Chamber. A resolution, expressing the confidence of the Chamber in their late chairman, and a desire that he would withdraw his letter of resignation was, after some opposition from Mr. Beit, passed by a majority of 7 to 3.

The Northern Escort arrived to-day from the Rocky River diggings, with 2113 ozs. 8 dwts. of gold-dust.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An inquest was held, at the Ship Inn, Kent-street, on view of the body of Ann Edwards, aged fifty-eight years. Deceased came from London, a prisoner, twenty years ago; had been married to a second husband thirty-seven years; a son of hers by the first husband deposed to her having been notoriously of a drunken habit for twenty years past, and that her present husband had not behaved ill towards her; the man Edwards had parted from her, and afforded her a separate maintenance during the last twelve months, on

on account of her drunken habits; she went to his house on Saturday night, and wanted to remain; he bade her go to her lodgings in Clarence-street, and she left, saying good night; this was about 11 o'clock; next morning, at 5 o'clock, Edwards walked along George-street, and passing Drutt-street had his notice called to the dead body of his wife, which he identified, as it

lay next the Central Police Station, with constables over it. There was an incised wound, an inch in length, and reaching down to the bone, on the left side of the forehead; the bleeding had ceased, and, according to the medical testimony, death had resulted from apoplexy; the injury to the left temple was attributed to a fall. It appeared she had been seen in the streets at various times through the night by constables, but she walked steadily, and on the later occasions of her being seen she was not spoken

Defunct.—Death from apoplexy.

THE LANCET.—Mr. Charles Ledger, the gentleman who introduced the flock of llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas, will read a paper on the llamas this evening, at the meeting of the Australian Horticultural and Agricultural Society, giving a history of the service, and a sketch of his journey (lasting between seven, and eight years) in the Argentine Provinces and Bolivia into Chili, with the flock—a large portion of which he has landed on our shores. The subject will be illustrated by several specimens of the cloth and materials made from the hair or wool, together with some articles of interest procured in Peru and the countries through which he passed. A paper will also be read by Mr. R. Weston, on the storing of wheat.

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1 signal lantern.
Standing in vessel,
1 bowsprit
1 mizenmast.
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